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Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The 110th session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 10 to 28 March 2014. The first meeting will be convened (Palais Wilson, ground floor conference room) on Monday, 10 March at 10 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the 110th session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public, unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 6, which contains the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports during the 110th session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are expected to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. As established under rule 95 of the Committee's rules of procedure, a working group should meet for a period of one week prior to the 110th session. The pre-sessional working group will meet from 3 to 7 March 2014.

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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Opening of the session by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or her representative

The High Commissioner for Human Rights or her representative will open the 110th session of the Committee.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected member of the Committee in accordance with article 38 of the Covenant

In accordance with article 38 of the Covenant and rule 16 of the rules of procedure, the member of the Committee elected at the thirty-third Meeting of States Parties to the Covenant on 18 February 2014 will make the following solemn declaration:

"I solemnly undertake to discharge my duties as a member of the Human Rights Committee impartially and conscientiously."

3. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items.

4. Organizational and other matters, including the adoption of the report of the pre-sessional working group on individual communications

Under this item, the Committee will consider miscellaneous issues relevant to the Committee's business.

5. Meeting with representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations

At each session, the Committee hears representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) represented at the United Nations Office at Geneva. The following meetings have accordingly been scheduled: United Nations organizations and specialized agencies on 10 March from 10.45 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.; national human rights institutions and NGOs on Kyrgyzstan, Sierra Leone, Latvia and the United States of America on 10 March from 11.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.; national human rights institutions and NGOs on Chad and Nepal on 17 March from noon to 1 p.m.

6. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

The reports to be considered during the 110th session are those of Kyrgyzstan, Sierra Leone, Latvia, the United States of America, Chad and Nepal. A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports during the 110th session, prepared in consultation with the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports under article 40 of the Covenant

Kyrgyzstan	Second periodic report (CCPR/C/KGZ/2)	Monday, 10 March, p.m. Tuesday, 11 March, a.m.
Sierra Leone	Initial report (CCPR/C/SLE/1)	Tuesday, 11 March, p.m. Wednesday, 12 March, a.m.
Latvia	Third periodic report (CCPR/C/LVA/3)	Wednesday, 12 March, p.m. Thursday, 13 March, a.m.
United States of America	Fourth periodic report (CCPR/C/USA/4 and Corr.1)	Thursday, 13 March, p.m. Friday, 14 March, a.m.
Chad	Second periodic report (CCPR/C/TCD/2)	Monday, 17 March, p.m. Tuesday, 18 March, a.m.
Nepal	Second periodic report (CCPR/C/NPL/2)	Tuesday, 18 March, p.m. Wednesday, 19 March, a.m.

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its 110th session.

Country report task forces will examine and adopt lists of issues on the reports of Haiti, Malta, Montenegro and Sri Lanka.

Country report task forces will examine and adopt lists of issues prior to reporting for Argentina, Ecuador, New Zealand, Romania and Sweden.

7. Follow-up to concluding observations on State reports

At its seventy-fourth session, the Committee adopted decisions governing the procedure for following up on concluding observations. The Special Rapporteur for follow-up to concluding observations will provide a progress report on his/her activities during the 110th session.

8. Follow-up to Views under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

The Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views will provide a progress report on his/her activities.

9. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

A total of 370 communications were pending before the Committee as at 20 December 2013. Pursuant to the Committee's new rules of procedure allowing the joint examination of admissibility and merits in most cases, the Committee's examination of these communications may result in the adoption of Views or decisions declaring the communications admissible or inadmissible.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 88 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

10. Adoption of the annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly